

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, immediately following the title "TOPICAL COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING TELMESTEINE FOR TREATING DERMATOLOGICAL DISORDERS," please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a U.S. National Phase Application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/011228, which was filed October 7, 2004, claiming benefit of priority of Italian Patent Application No. MI2003 A 001941, which was filed October 9, 2003. The entire disclosure of each of the foregoing applications is incorporated herein by reference.

Page 22, immediately after claim 20, please insert a new page containing the following abstract of the application:

**ABSTRACT**

This invention relates to topical compositions, such as creams and lotions, that comprise or consist essentially of Telmesteine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as the active ingredient, and methods for their use in treating a variety of dermatological diseases and disorders, including atopic, dermatitis (eczema), allergic contact dermatitis, seborrheic dermatitis, radiation dermatitis, psoriasis, xerosis and atopy.